

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 9/13/2005 and phone interview on 9/19/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6,8-10 and 12-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian Siritzky (Reg. No. 37,497) each on 19 September 2005 and 20 October 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 13, 15 and 16 each have been amended as follows:

Claim 13 (Currently amended). The holder as in claim ~~11~~ 1 wherein said second strap includes a second attachment member spaced from said releasable closure.

Claim 15 (currently amended). A holder for multiple items comprising:
a first elongated strap with two ends and including a first attachment mechanism at one end,
a connector attached to the other end of said first elongated strap, ~~and~~
a plurality of secondary elongated straps, each for removably holding an independent item, each of said secondary straps having two ends one of which is secured to said connector with the other end being connected to a separate holder, and
a second strap and a releasable closure connected therebetween, wherein said second strap includes a second attachment member spaced from said releasable closure.

Claim 16 (currently amended). A holder for multiple items comprising:
a first elongated strap with two ends and including a first attachment mechanism at one end,
a connector attached to the other end of said first elongated strap, ~~and~~
a plurality of second elongated straps, each for removably holding an independent item, each of said secondary straps having two ends one of which is secured to said connector with the other end being connected to a separate holder, and

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a second strap and a releasable closure connected therebetween, wherein said second strap is comprised of a molded material.

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

Claims 1-6, 9-10 and 12-16 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Applicant's reply filed 13 September 2005 has overcome the each claim objection and rejection indicated in the prior Office action.

Applicant's amendment to claims 1 incorporates wholly the allowable subject matter indicated in the prior Office. New claims 15 and 16 are rewritten claims 13 and 14, respectively, which have been indicated as allowable indicated in the prior Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert J. Sandy whose telephone number is 571-272-7073. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J.J. Swann can be reached on 571-272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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